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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to correct grammatical and idiomatic errors. No new

matter was added. A substitute specification and compare copy showing the changes are

appended to this Amendment. Applicant requests entry of the substitute specification.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-10 have been cancelled and new claims 11-18 have been added. No new matter

was added. Applicant reserves the right to file cancelled claims 1-10 in a future

divisional/continuation application. Applicant respectfully requests entry of amendments to the

claims.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-10 have been canceled and replaced with new claims 11-18, thus obviating the

objections to the claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections are respectfully

requested.

Claim Rejections Under § 112

The rejections of claims 8-10 have been obviated by the cancellation of the claims.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

Claim Rejections Under § 101

The rejections of claims 8-10 have been obviated by the cancellation of the claims.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

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Claim Rejections Under § 102

Claim 1 has been rejected under § 102(b) as been anticipated by Guo et al. (CN 1178697). Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is obviated by the cancellation of Claim 1. Further, Guo et al. makes no mention of *Epimedium brevicornum* Maxim. and, *Cuscuta chinensis* Lam. Thus, Guo et al. does not teach each and every element of the present invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

Claim Rejections Under § 103

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guo et al.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection is obviated by the cancellation of claim 1-3.

Additionally, by not mentioning *Epimedium brevicornum* Maxim. and *Cuscuta chinensis* Lam.,

Guo et al. does not suggest the present invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested.

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Conclusion

In view of the preceding remarks, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact the undersigned.

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APPENDIX

- 1. Substitute Specification
- 2. Compare copy showing changes to Substitute Specification